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Legal-for-play long and belly length putter shaft fitment system

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#### LEGAL-FOR-PLAY LONG AND BELLY LENGTH PUTTER SHAFT FITMENT SYSTEM

### Cross Reference to Related Application

This application claims priority from United States Patent Application No. 10/196,140 filed July 17, 2002 entitled Long and Belly Putter Shaft Fitment System.

### Field of the Invention

The invention relates to a method and apparatus for fitment of elongated putters for play in accordance with the rules of golf.

### Background of the Invention

So called long and belly length putters offer many golfers the potential to achieve a smoother more pendulum like putting stroke advantageously improving the golfers likelihood of making a putt. The primary disadvantage of a long and/or belly putter is that a golfer must be properly fitted to be comfortable when using the putter in order to achieve a beneficial result. Further, some long putters may be too long to facilitate ease of storage and/or storage for the purpose of transportation. The present invention is an improvement over the prior art wherein threaded shafts, jam nuts, detent pins, tapered shanks, collapsible shafts, lock nuts, threaded pins, removable grips, compression rings, conical bushings, locking pins, and set screws or combinations thereof are used as the primary means of adjustment for fitting or connection of the upper and lower shaft segments of a long or belly putter. These mechanisms are of unnecessarily complicated design, and in some cases lacking user friendliness and may be illegal for play in accordance with the United States Golf Association and or the Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf of Saint Andrews, Scotland or the Royal Canadian Golf Association.